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Watson wants Ottawa in the driverless seat

TECHNOLOGY

Mayor outlines planned pitch to Queen's Park

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Mayor Jim Watson's State of the City address focused on broad themes Wednesday: light rail construction, Ottawa 2017 celebrations and the burgeoning business opportunities from the autonomous car industry.

Watson said he plans to lead a delegation to Queen's Park in the coming weeks including business leaders and organizations like Terry Matthews and Invest Ottawa.

The mayor said he wants the visit to be a kind of "dog and pony show" to make provincial politicians aware of the talent and resources the city has for driverless car research.

"One of the things I've learned from my time at Queen's Park is 'out of sight, out of mind.' It's one of those things if you're not there, if you're not educating ministers and MPPs and the premier's office of what's going on in the community we tend to get overshadowed."

Ottawa is vying with other Canadian cities to be declared a "Centre for Excellence," a provincial designation that will allow self-driving cars to be tested on certain roads.

"We very much want to be involved at the highest level when it comes to autonomous vehicles and the future that they hold in terms of both technology and job creation," said Watson.

"I look forward to meeting new MPPs, who I haven't met before, and reconnecting with former colleagues."

Last week, Kanata hosted an autonomous car symposium. Watson also referred to Blackberry subsidiary QNX, based in Kanata, as an impressive leader in the field of automated cars.

"A lot of people say 'How could this ever possibly come to fruition, these autonomous vehicles?' A hundred and fifty years ago I suspect people were saying the same thing about flight," he said.

Watson used the annual address to acknowledge growth across the city: growth and diversification in Ottawa's suburban neighbourhoods and major projects in the core including Arts Court, the Innovation Centre, the Rideau Centre and LRT.

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> Jim Watson

POWER SUITS FOR ALL

This charity wants Ottawa women who are down on their luck to Dress for Success

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Mary Tersigni-Paltrinieri, executive director of Dress for Success's Ottawa branch, poses at the group's new Catherine St. location on Tuesday. DYLAN C. ROBERTSON/METRO

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In 20 years, half of Canada could be immigrants or children of immigrants. **Canada**

Buildings owned by feds in need of major overhaul

INFRASTRUCTURE

Government lists 104 sites as being in a critical state

Adam Kveton
For Metro | Ottawa

Nearly 18 per cent of federally owned buildings in Ottawa are listed in critical or poor condition.

That's according to the federal government's own list of its buildings, the Directory of Federal Real Property.

Of more than 1700 buildings, 104 are in critical condition, while more than 200 are in poor condition.

These include office spaces and residences, as well as things like barns, sheds and silos.

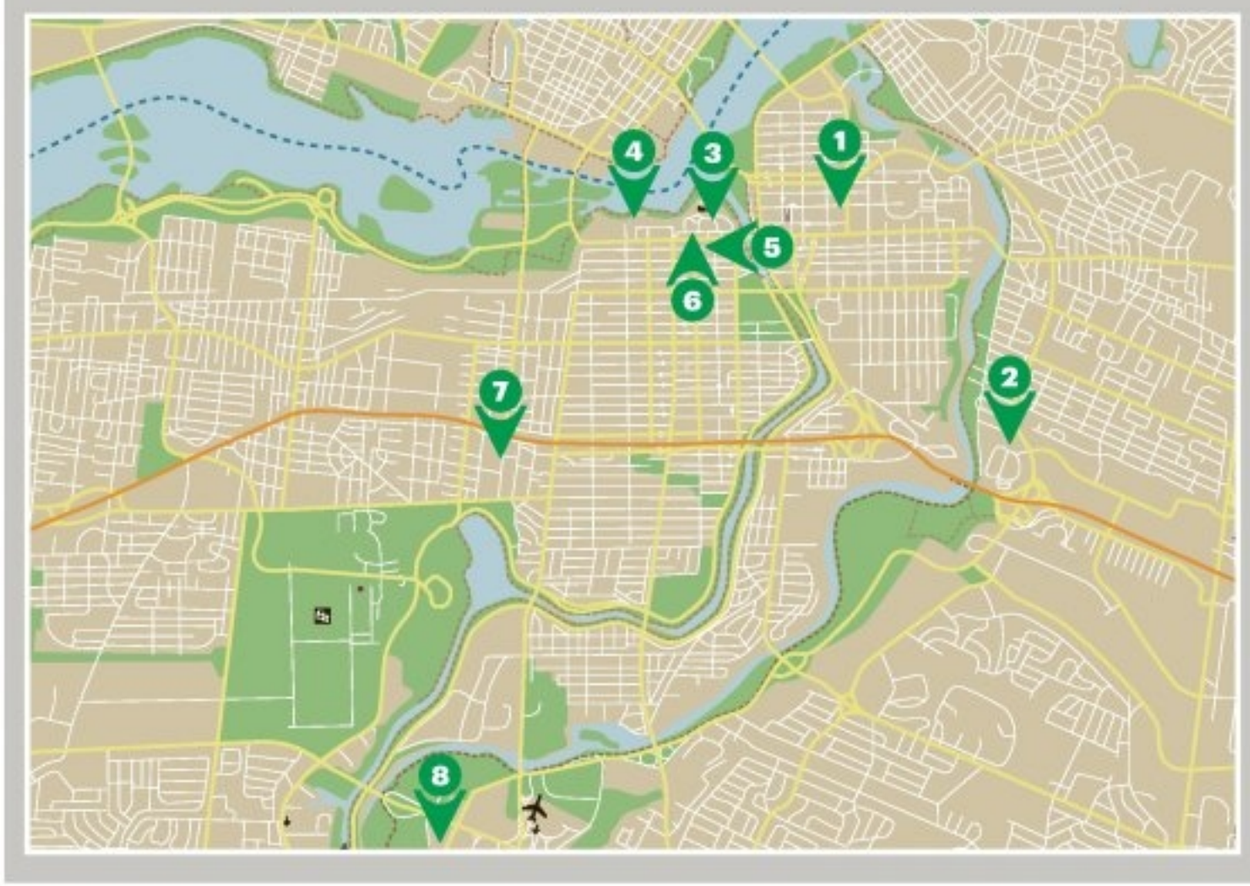
For a building to be in "critical condition," the reinvestment needed to bring it back up to scratch is estimated to be greater than 30 per cent of its replacement value, according to the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat which has the list on its website.

Some critical condition buildings include the former Bank of Canada building at 350 King Edward, the RCMP headquarters at 1200 Vanier Parkway, the Supreme Court, several Central Experimental Farm buildings and the Sir Charles Tupper Building.

"Risk of building and building systems failure is high," reads another part of the treasury board's definition of critical.

MAPPED | Federal buildings in critical condition

The federal government has a sizeable repair list when it comes to buildings that need repair in the capital. The items below are just some of those that need to be fixed.



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3. Parliament Hill
4. Supreme Court of Canada
5. 93 Sparks St.
6. 100 Wellington St.
7. 556 Booth St.
8. Sir Charles Tupper Building

For a building to be listed as poor, "some or all asset systems are compromised or show serious signs of deterioration. Risk of some systems failure is likely," and the investment needed is between 10 and 30 per cent of replacement value.

The government's real property manager, Public Services and Procurement Canada, said that the growing number of critical-condition buildings is due to both age and a lack of funds.

Public Services and Procurement Canada looks after 312 buildings in the National Capital Region, including the former Bank of Canada building and the buildings in Tunney's Pasture. In total 82 of the 312 are in critical condition, according to the agency's numbers.

"Over the last decade, government efforts to realize savings have constrained annual maintenance and repairs," said PSPC spokesperson Nicolas Boucher. "This, combined with the age of PSPC's portfolio (average age of 53), has resulted in a downgrading of the condition of the buildings."

With the government investing $3.4 billion over five years to maintain and upgrade federal infrastructure assets, the PSPC has been able to implement "major renovations in many of its critical assets," said Boucher.

> "Over the last decade, government efforts to realize savings have constrained annual maintenance and repairs."
> Nicolas Boucher

Ottawa DIGEST

CRIME

Police searching for four robbery suspects

Police are on the lookout for four suspects involved in a jewelry store robbery, including one that lit a makeshift flamethrower.

Ottawa police report that, on Jan. 16, three suspects entered a jewelry store along the 1700 block of Bank Street after a fourth suspect held the door open for them and fled the scene.

All four suspects are described as being male. The suspect who held the door open for the others wore dark sunglasses, while the other three wore masks. The robbery took place at around 4:20 p.m. ADAM KVETON/METRO

TRANSPORTATION

Labour dispute in Gatineau continues

Gatineau's bus service and its employers' union are accusing each other of acting in bad faith, as work-to-rule measures impede commuters using the Société de transport de l'Outaouais (STO).

The union continued Wednesday its work-to-rule pressure tactics — reporting minor issues like windshield wipers while refusing overtime work. That leaves a backlog of buses in repair garages, and cancelled routes.

The STO says it's been cancelling routes along high-frequency line, to produce delays instead of leaving commuters stranded. It cancelled 105 routes during Wednesday morning's commute, and 80 Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

In a statement, union head Félix Gendron claimed STO "devotes time and money and multiple disputes against the union" instead of bargaining in good faith.

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GOVERNMENT

Feds turning focus towards new Phoenix pay system cases

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

The government will shift the focus on its troubled Phoenix pay system away from dealing with a backlog of older cases and towards dealing with new cases coming through the door.

Deputy minister Marie LeMay said they plan to start shifting staff to new cases in a bid to speed up processing times.

"We are making prompt processing our objective moving forward," she said.

The system left thousands of civil servants without pay or with incorrect pay when it first launched.

An initial backlog of 82,000 cases that were in the system prior to July 1 last year, has been reduced to 7,000 cases, but new cases continue to flood into the system.

LeMay said at present there are 270,000 cases in the system and it will take at least two and a half months worth of work to get the system down to normal.

"We will probably get to a steady state in some cases faster than others."

President of the Association of Canadian Financial Officers Dany Richard said his organization surveyed members, who are financial officers, working in the public service and found things seem to be getting worse.

A total of 1,166 members completed the survey, which showed 73.3 per cent of them had experienced issues with their pay. It also showed 40.3 per cent of people believe Phoenix has impacted their mental health, up from 34 per cent when the association surveyed members two months ago.

Richard said the government has to put more resources into dealing with this.

"The measures that have been put in place to resolve the issue are clearly insufficient," he said. "At the end of the day, we need more resources to handle the high volume."

He said most business owners would make a problem like this priority one if their employees weren't getting paid.

"There should only be one focus right now and that should be getting people the money."

BOOTH STREET

Affordable housing among ideas pitched

Adam Kveton
For Metro | Ottawa

Residents had their first chance Tuesday to put forward ideas for the redevelopment of a former government metallurgy lab site near Dow's Lake.

The Canada Lands Company, an arms-length crown corporation that redevelops unneeded federal government land, held their first public consultation on Tuesday for the site, located on the west side of Booth Street between Norman and Orangeville streets.

The company's purpose is to redevelop and re-integrate land into its surrounding neighbourhood, while generating enough money to fund itself, said Jean Lachance, the company's senior director of real estate in Ottawa.

Some attendees of the public meeting expressed interest in seeing a grocery store at the site, affordable housing, open space, and the preservation of some of the federally-designated heritage buildings, said Lachance.

Five of the seven buildings on the site were given heritage designation, however the future of those buildings is in the hands of the city and its own heritage designation process.

The buildings, part of a physical metallurgy lab, were a result of the need for new sources of energy, strategic minerals and gold during the Second World War, says the Canadian Register of historic places.

Next up for the redevelopment effort is the creation of an advisory working group made up of members from the community, said Lachance.

The plan is to have two more public meetings before making a submission to the city in the late fall or early 2018.

COMMUNITY

Sens head won't be leaving city: Mayor

While Senators president Cyril Leeder is stepping down from the NHL team, he's not stepping down from Ottawa yet, according to Mayor Jim Watson.

Watson said he was disappointed Leeder was leaving, but confirmed he will stay on as the chair of Ottawa's Canada Summer Games Committee.

> **My hope is we don't lose him to another city and he stays here and finds a new role.**
> Mayor Jim Watson

"It's sad news from my perspective. I can't think of a greater civic booster than Cyril Leeder and what he's done for this community. I've had the pleasure of working with him on a number of different projects whether they be sport-related or in the broader community," he said.

"My hope is that he stays in Ottawa and stays involved in the community and there's an opportunity for him within the region of Ottawa," said Watson. "My hope is we don't lose him to another city and he stays here and finds a new role."

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Dress for Success team, from left, **wardrobe consultant Majorie Platero, events manager Theresa Smith, administrator Andrea Fields and executive director Mary Tersigni-Paltrinieri** check out their Catherine St. location Wednesday. DYLAN C. ROBERTSON/METRO

Local charity dressing women for job success

EMPLOYMENT

Ottawa branch helped 2,000 people down on their luck

Dylan C. Robertson
For Metro | Ottawa

In a basement near the Greyhound bus station, Mary Tersigni-Paltrinieri circles racks of blouses and blazers before approaching a shelf full of cosmetics.

What looks like a second-hand shop is actually a charity giving women down on their luck the clothing and confidence needed to land employment.

"They can focus on the interview, instead of sticking out," said Tersigni-Paltrinieri, executive director of Dress for Success' Ottawa branch.

"It hits to the heart of how people feel about themselves."

Since launching in Westboro in January 2011, the branch has helped 2,000 women find employment after job loss, domestic violence and immigration.

The group has moved to a new location, the basement of 200 Catherine St.

Clients come for private 90-minute sessions. Wardrobe consultants select two interview-ready outfits that match their size and job type, using donated clothes and occasionally jewelry or a purse.

"There's a lot of love that's gone into that outfit," said Tersigni-Paltrinieri.

BY THE NUMBERS

- **2,000** women helped since 2011
- **42%** are new Canadians
- **30%** are single mothers
- **15%** are Indigenous
- **35%** are under 30 years

SOURCE: DRESS FOR SUCCESS OTTAWA

Once hired, clients get five additional outfits. In a week, the groups suit 26 women from business-casual to formal wear, and occasionally medical uniforms.

Three paid full-time staff work alongside 150 volunteers to make it happen. They also offer mock interviews and skills training. "We suit women from the inside out," Tersigni-Paltrinieri said.

Mayor Jim Watson will cut a ribbon to officially open the new location January 31.

Dress for Success is seeking donations of cash and clothes — especially plus- and petite-size clothes — and their next drop-off is Monday, 1 to 7 p.m.

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NEW EDINBURGH

Residents raise stink over sewage tunnel

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New Edinburgh residents were at city hall on Wednesday raising a stink about an excavation project, which they claim will sully their quiet community.

"To our horror, every time we learn a bit more, it becomes more and more serious about our ability to even stay in our homes," said New Edinburgh resident Victoria Henry.

The $231-million construction project will reduce the amount of raw sewage flowing into the Ottawa River after heavy rainfall, but it requires digging of a new sewage tunnel.

Until it's completed, it will increase truck traffic on local roads and tear up part of Stanley Park.

"We're not trying to dump it on LeBreton Flats, wherever else that it is possible that it could go would be more appropriate than New Edinburgh taking the entire load for both the connector pieces that have to happen and the dig site itself," said Henry.

> **Wherever else would be more appropriate than New Edinburgh.**
> Victoria Henry

Backed up by an angry and loud crowd of around 50 protesters, she said she was only informed about the construction in October.

Donning hard-hats and reflective-vests, the protesters entered the city council chambers after the meeting before heading upstairs to the hallway outside the mayor's office and chanting their demand for a meeting.

Mayor Jim Watson told reporters many neighbourhoods are being inconvenienced by construction and it would be unfair and costly — to the tune of $30-million — to burden another area with the dig site.

Alto sax player Zakari Frantz and guitarist Alex Moxon lead the Bird is the Word Tribute to Charlie Parker Saturday at Options Jazz Lounge in Kanata. CONTRIBUTED

JUSTICE SYSTEM

People on bail should not be in jail: Province

Dylan C. Robertson
For Metro | Ottawa

The province announced Wednesday funding to get low-risk people charged with crimes out on bail, amid "bottlenecked" courts and packed jails.

"There are far too many vulnerable, low-risk individuals on remand who should be out in the community," Attorney General Yasir Naqvi said.

Two-thirds of inmates in provincial jails await trial. Until last March, some inmates at the crowded Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre (OCDC) were sleeping in shower cells.

The province will spend $730,000 a year for three lawyers to handles bail cases: a full-time Crown attorney for hearings, and a defence lawyer at both the courthouse and OCDC.

The aim is to prevent people who don't risk public safety from awaiting trials in jail cells that prevent them from working while worsening mental-health issues.

Wednesday's announcement includes funding for 20 "bail beds," that give homeless people a place to sleep until advocates find them proper housing.

Irene Mathias praised that. She spent six years teaching meditation in prisons, meeting people who commit petty crimes in the winter on-purpose.

"I am personally aware that people will commit crimes just to get inside somewhere they will be safe, because they're so vulnerable on the streets," said Mathias, spokeswoman for Mothers Offering Mutual Support, for families with relatives in the justice system.

Carleton University's sociology chair said he was "cautiously optimistic" the announcement could reverse a trend of sending low-risk people to prison.

"A key problem is the number of onerous and unrealistic bail conditions," said Aaron Doyle.

Notes will fly high

BACKSTAGE PASS

Bird leads jazz cats on wild chase in Kanata

Trevor Greenway
Metro | Ottawa

Zakari Frantz is learning to fly.

The alto saxophonist will play the role of Charlie "Bird" Parker, essentially note for note, when he and his crew of jazz cats take over the Options Jazz Lounge in Kanata this Saturday for Bird is the Word: A tribute to Charlie Parker.

Even he knows that he has his work cut out for him.

"It's definitely a furious book of repertoire," says Frantz with a laugh.

"I never really though myself capable of stepping up to do a whole night of Bird. It has taken a lot of playing and a lot of building to get to the point where I would even feel comfortable doing that with my friends in the audience."

Parker has been one of the main influences for Frantz's sax career since he started listening to jazz as a teenager. Frantz had studied Bird's music intently through transcripts before ever even hearing it all together on a recording.

"When I first heard the tunes, I was blown away, because not only did I know every note on the recording, but I had never heard them before," he laughs.

Frantz soon became obsessed with Bird. It was the speed at which he could execute his sonic ideas that really made him a curious cat. He saw Parker's music more of a language than just sound — a sonic tongue with various dialects throughout that allowed him to truly express himself. And, like any language, practice makes perfect.

"Every time I get into a tune, I learn something new. It's kind of like you are learning a language that he wrote," adds Frantz. "This guy is a human being expressing his own language that he wrote, and the more you listen to it, the more you understand it."

One guy who speaks the same language is drummer Michel Delage, who has put on more than a dozen tribute nights the past year and a half, honouring everybody from George Benson and Wayne Shorter to Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn.

Players get to bury their ears in one of their iconic sonic heroes for weeks — with newfound appreciation for the music, and a discovery of auditory details essential to the greatness of the track.

The tribute series goes once a month at the Options Jazz Lounge in Kanata. This week features Frantz, Delage, Alex Moxon on guitar and Alex Bilodeau on bass. Cover is free and music starts around 8 p.m. this Saturday.

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Sexist posts on women's marches backfire

A school board member in Hillary Clinton's hometown resigned after making a derogatory reference on Twitter to the female anatomy in describing women marching against President Donald Trump. An Illinois teacher was pulled from the classroom for a tweet deemed sexist. And a freshman Indiana lawmaker was inundated with criticism over a Facebook post mocking "fat women."

These are a handful of examples from across the U.S. of mostly male public officials who have been reprimanded, called out or disciplined over social media postings about the women's marches around the globe last weekend.

The rash of incidents highlight how nasty political discourse has become since the divisive presidential election. But in an era when Trump made lashing out against "political correctness" central to his appeal, the consequences these officials face for unfiltered use of social media once again demonstrate that what you say on the Internet still can hurt you.

It's also not strictly a partisan issue. A writer for Saturday Night Live was suspended this week after writing an offensive tweet about Trump's 10-year-old son Barron.

Still, the number of incidents following the women's marches, which packed public squares in blue states and some red as well, has put a few elected officials and supervisors in an awkward spot. And it's not clear where to draw the line.

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DAY 6
DONALD TRUMP'S ADMINISTRATION

President Donald Trump began rolling out a series of measures on immigration Wednesday, signing executive actions calling for construction of a border wall, stripping support for sanctuary cities, and many more. Here is a look at some of his recently announced plans and some of the difficulties he could encounter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. President Donald Trump displays an executive order he signed during a visit to the Department of Homeland Security. GETTY IMAGES

1 BORDER WALL

Trump directed the Homeland Security Department to start building a wall at the Mexican border. A 2006 law gives Trump the authority to proceed with construction, but he will need billions of dollars from Congress. He says Mexico will ultimately pay for the wall, but Mexico insists it won't. Environmental groups and some landowners will likely try to block the plan.

2 SANCTUARY CITIES

Trump announced a crackdown on cities that don't co-operate with federal immigration authorities, pledging to strip them of federal grant money. But the administration may face legal challenges to any efforts to force co-operation. Some federal courts have found that local jurisdictions cannot hold immigrants beyond their jail term or deny them bond based on a request from immigration authorities.

3 VISA RESTRICTIONS

Trump says he will suspend the issuance of U.S. visas in countries where adequate screening cannot occur and suspend immigrant and non-immigrant entry for citizens of countries of particular concern for 30 days. Federal law gives Trump broad authority to suspend immigration for groups of people whose entry is "detrimental to U.S. interests." He is expected to suspend any immigration, including for refugees, from Syria.

4 REFUGEE RESTRICTIONS

Trump is proposing to reduce the maximum number of refugees by more than half, to 50,000, for the budget year ending in September. Trump has the authority to set the limit of how many refugees can be admitted annually. He can also suspend refugee processing. Refugee processing was temporarily suspended under President George W. Bush in the immediate aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks.

5 EPA SCIENCE SCRUTINIZED

The Trump administration is scrutinizing studies published by scientists at the Environmental Protection Agency, and new work is under a "temporary hold." The communications director for Trump's transition team at EPA, Doug Ericksen, said the review extends to all content on the agency's website, including details of scientific evidence showing that the Earth's climate is warming and man-made carbon emissions are to blame.

6 INTERVENTION IN CHICAGO

Tuesday night, Trump declared he was ready to "send in the Feds" if Chicago can't reduce its homicides. But Mayor Rahm Emanuel warned against deploying the National Guard, saying it would hurt efforts to restore trust in the police. Trump gave no details on what kind of federal intervention he was suggesting, but Emanuel cautioned that using the military could make matters worse.

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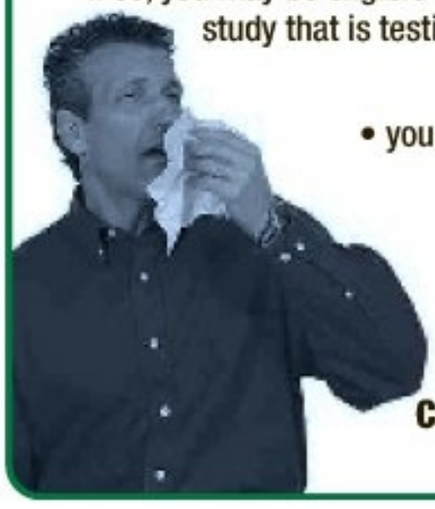

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Immigration on the rise

RESEARCH

One in three people could be immigrants in twenty years

A new Statistics Canada survey says almost half the country's population could be an immigrant or the child of an immigrant within the next 20 years.

It suggests the proportion of immigrants in Canada's population could reach 30 per cent in 2036 — compared to 20.7 per cent in 2011 — and a further 20 per cent of the population would be the child of an immigrant, up from the 17.5 per cent recorded in 2011.

The numbers released Wednesday are a far cry from the country's first census of the population in 1871 — four years after Confederation —when 16.1 per cent of the 3.7 million people in Canada were born abroad, with Britain, the United States and Germany as the most likely countries of origin.

The population projections show immigration will alter the country's cultural landscape under all scenarios Statistics Canada explored as part of an ongoing project to map out Canada's future as the nation turns 150 years old.

A new little citizen was sworn in at a ceremony in Toronto, Ont. on April 24, 2014. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The upward trend in the number of immigrants to Canada would also have an effect on the languages spoken at home.

In Quebec, the percentage of people who claim French as their mother tongue is expected to drop to between 69 and 72 per cent in 2036, down from 79 per cent in 2011.

Across Canada, the percentage of francophones is also expected to drop to between 17 and 18 per cent from 21.3 per cent in 2011.

In Quebec, while the overall number of people who speak French at home — even if it isn't their mother tongue — is expected to grow, their share as a percentage of the population will fall to about 75 per cent from 81.6 per cent.

The share of those who speak English at home in Quebec, on the other hand, will rise three or four points to the 16 or 17 per cent range — due in part to the tendency of new immigrants to favour English over French when choosing a new language.

Up to 30 per cent of Canadians in 2036 could have a mother tongue that is neither English nor French, a potential jump of 10 points from 2011.

Researchers concluded more than half of the country's immigrants will be of Asian origin within the next two decades, with a corresponding decline in the number of European immigrants.

Visible minority populations would make up a growing percentage of the working age population, defined as people between the ages of 15 and 64, potentially doubling their share to 40 per cent of the age cohort, up from the almost 20 per in 2011.

The projections also suggest that by 2036, between 13 and 16 per cent of the population would be people from a non-Christian religion, up from the nine per cent recorded in 2011. Within this group, Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs would see their numbers grow most quickly.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

BY THE NUMBERS NEWCOMERS

30 Proportion of immigrants in Canada could reach 30 per cent in 2036.

20 Per cent of the population in 2036 that could be children of immigrants.

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16.1 Per cent of the 3.7 million people in Canada born abroad in 1871.

CPP hard to understand: Documents

Internal evaluations of the Canada Pension Plan show the retirement system is poorly understood by most of the public — a problem retiree Evan Brett avoided only through luck and meticulous record keeping.

The 76-year-old realtor and his wife Latifah dove into their files at their Langley, B.C., home a decade ago when Latifah applied for retirement benefits. The documents they happened to have stockpiled ensured they were able to maximize the benefits they receive today.

Brett said he knew enough about the Canada Pension Plan to avoid tripping over application hurdles. But he is sure others aren't well-versed.

Evaluations drawing from workers, retirees and Service Canada officials show Canadians are confused about what they need when applying for CPP benefits, have a hard time understanding information on websites, and don't completely understand the retirement program.

The reports recommend more outreach and advertisements to help seniors navigate the system and avoid frustration when they apply. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON ELECTORAL REFORM

What is certain is that the consultation reinforced neither the prime minister's preferred option nor the notion that he has the social licence to act unilaterally and impose a system of his own choosing.

With every new development on the electoral reform front the disconnect between Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's words on the promised introduction of a new voting system and his government's actions is more glaring.

Such was again the case this week as the government reported on the public response to the online consultation it held over the holiday season.

The discretion that attended the release was inversely proportional to the fanfare that had attended the launch of the exercise last month. It failed to inspire a 140-character tweet to flag its existence from Karina Gould, the incoming minister of democratic institutions.

That may be because a mountain predictably gave birth to a mouse. Although an invitation to participate in the consultation was mailed to every household, less than 3 per cent — or about 400,000 people — answered the call.

Or it may be because the answers were not the ones Trudeau was hoping for.

Despite the obvious limitations of the exercise, the result did offer some insights a government looking to craft a consensual narrative on a new voting system could use.

For instance, almost three quarters of respondents agreed that government policies should take into account the input of several parties, even if — as was pointed out in the questionnaire — it might take longer to get things done.

Sixty-eight per cent believed that a majority government should be open to compromise to the point of reconsidering, if need be, some of its policies.

Absent an ambitious electoral reform project, how does one justify a stand-alone democratic institutions ministry?

APATHY: CHECK A survey of Canadians' feelings on voting systems revealed we're not on the verge of taking to the streets to demand electoral reform, Chantal Hébert writes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

It is not hard to find between the lines of those answers a healthy dose of skepticism towards the false majorities that the first-past-the-post system produces or the winner-take-all attitude that often results from them. There seems to be a significant market for a less adversarial more constructive modus vivendi between the government and the opposition parties.

Neither of the above made the list of key findings of the executive summary. One had to dig into the report to find them.

In their wisdom its authors chose instead to give pride of place to the response to what may have been one of the least illuminating questions in the consultation, i.e. the relative satisfaction of a majority of respondents with the state of Canada's democracy.

For the record, by far the largest group — 50 per cent — was only somewhat satisfied.

On its face, that finding is too generic to draw a conclusion other than that Canadians are not on the verge of taking to the streets to change the voting system.

But based on the strength of the support for a more collaborative governance process, it is possible to infer that the satisfaction of a good many respondents might be less qualified under a system liable to force more co-operation on the various parties. Proportional representation fits that particular bill.

It may be that those who filled the questionnaire were those who are most eager to move to a more proportional voting system. Advocates of a reform along those lines did dominate the public hearings held by a parliamentary committee last year. Only a minority favored the ranked ballot that Trudeau is on the record as liking.

What is certain is that the consultation reinforced neither the prime minister's preferred option nor the notion that he has the social licence to act unilaterally and impose a system of his own choosing.

What, if anything, the government will do with those results is anyone's guess.

No one can even say for certain whether the appointment of a new minister of democratic institutions earlier this month was meant to restore some momentum to the file or to recruit fresh hands to bury it.

Chances are Gould does not know herself or at least she did not at the time of her appointment. On the heels of her accession to cabinet, the rookie minister refused to repeat Trudeau's promise that the 2015 election would be the last to be held under the first-past-the-post system.

By all indications, Gould, like her predecessor Maryam Monsef, has not been given anything approaching a free rein with the file. Perhaps she was waiting on an updated mandate letter from the Prime Minister's Office to figure out what her marching orders actually are.

As an aside, absent an ambitious electoral reform project, how does one justify the existence of a stand-alone democratic institutions ministry now that the transition to a more independent Senate is well underway?

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

Welcome to Dark Riverdale, where Archie goes rogue

Dave Berry
For Metro

A mother forcing pills on the girl next door. A respectable local businessman with ties to organized crime. A sexpot school teacher carrying on an affair with one of her underage students.

Yes, it's just another day in Riverdale, home of Archie and the gang for 80 years and namesake of a dark and sexy teen murder-mystery that premieres on the CW in the U.S. on Thursday and on Netflix in Canada on Friday.

For people who tend to think of Archie's problems as more of the I-spilled-a-milkshake-on-my-sweater-vest variety, the show will be as surprising as a bolt of lightning from the technicolour-blue cover of a Double Digest. It's the most mainstream iteration of a decade-long attempt to modernize Archie, which has seen the quintessential teenager gradually shed his gee-wilikers roots and step saucer-eyed into a new century.

Most of this work has appeared in Archie Comics themselves, new management having shaken off the idealistic malaise that kept the comic chugging for more than half a century. Archie has gotten married, dealt with the ennui of adulthood, met the first gay person in Riverdale — then died saving him from an assassination attempt. Even his best pal, Jughead, came out as one of the first asexuals openly depicted in mainstream pop culture.

If the obvious motive here is profit — you can only make so much money off things people fondly remember from childhood — the tactics of bringing Archie up-to-date suggest some interesting things about what we'll buy these days. It's not just a makeover that Archie has needed, but a wholesale change of milieu: a simple and idyllic world simply isn't going to fill Pop's Chocklit Shoppe anymore.

Part of why we reject old-line Archie is that it's a vision of how we might like things to be. We know that things were never so simple, that a more complex world has always existed under the bright colours. And yet the new interpretations are still aspirational (see: Archie's brand new abs); it's just now they must sneak under our defences with a nod to uncomfortable realities.

Of course it might just be matter of target audience: it should probably go without saying that Riverdale is being made for a young demographic, one that's in the process of moving from the bleak, unrelenting morass of selfish teenaged anxiety toward the bleak, unrelenting morass of slightly less selfish adult chaos. The thirst for darker stories might not be a cultural shift so much as a generational one.

In which case, one day, soon enough, the kids will get to look back on the time Archie was screwing his teacher in the wake of one his friends being murdered and marvel at how simple it all seemed back then.

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Subversive style

Nichole Jankowski/For Metro

Trends don't happen in a vacuum. What walks down the runway for 2017 is directly influenced not just by the seasons that came before, but also by the economy and political climate.

BUY NOTHING AT ALL

Fashion may have a reputation for being elitist, but Georgian designer Demna Gvasalia just handed the power back to the people. For Balenciaga, Gvasalia sent outfits inspired by office workers down a runway of drab commercial carpeting. The populist message was driven home by an altered version of Bernie Sanders' campaign logo on designs. For Vetements (pictured top), 36 looks of stereotypical everyday dress were presented. There was a punk, an emo, a couch potato, a southern gentleman, PTA parents and pensioners. It was a show about identity, diversity and unity. This is the most subversive — and empathetic — menswear trend of 2017: it requires that you purchase nothing at all.

'80S POWER SUITS

If the popularity of Netflix series Stranger Things wasn't enough of a hint, a look to the runway will tell you that the eighties are back in full force. This trend is best illustrated in the wide shoulders and power suiting prominent in both men's and women's collections — and as seen here on the street in Istanbul.

STATEMENT SLEEVES

An emphasis on arms began in streetwear collections a few seasons ago, but those graphic sleeves and stretched-out knits now seem mild in comparison to this year's trend of voluminous leg of mutton, bell and puffed sleeves. Marc Jacobs, Gucci, Saint Laurent, Simone Rocha and Marques Almeida (pictured left, beside DJ Mia Moretti in pink) all showcased these exaggerated silhouettes. Pick a less structured fabric like cotton or a soft knit to make the look more wearable.

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Uniqlo meets demand for modest-wear

RETAIL

Collection to make its debut in Canada in February

Japanese apparel retailer Uniqlo will debut a line of modest-wear in Canada in February, including hijabs and abayas, the long black dress worn by women in Saudi Arabia, and pieces inspired by the baju kurung, a tunic-and-pants outfit worn widely in South East Asia.

"It's really for everybody, but in terms of a more specific demographic, it's for anyone who sort of wants that more modest aesthetic," said Hana Tajima, the British designer behind the line.

The collection, for spring and summer 2017, will land at Uniqlo's two Canadian stores, at Toronto's Eaton Centre and Yorkdale Mall, on Feb. 24.

"Uniqlo really pays attention to consumer demand and there is a consumer demand for modest-wear and we are happy to oblige," said Kat Adams, Uniqlo spokesperson.

"This is such a diverse market, we are very hopeful that it will receive a positive reaction."

Uniqlo has been selling modest-wear in other markets since 2015 and it's not the only fashion retailer to do so.

Since 2014, designer fashion houses including Dolce & Gabbana and DKNY and fast fashion retailers Zara and Mango have launched modest-wear collections of varying sizes and prices.

Market research from the advisory firm DinarStandard in 2015 reported that global Muslim consumer spending on food and lifestyle reached $1.8 trillion (U.S.) in 2014 and is projected to reach $2.6 trillion in 2020.

"I think it's brilliant," said Maureen Atkinson, senior partner, research insights, J.C. Williams Global retail advisors.

"I think there is a large enough base that it's a good business decision. I would like to think that most Canadians would support it, but I think there are those who are offended because people don't dress modestly and they are offended because people do dress modestly."

The full Uniqlo modest-wear collection includes 30 items in 81 colours and patterns and will be available across 15 countries. The pieces range in price in Canada from $7.90 for a headband to $39.90 for a hijab and up to $79.90 for a long dress.

The pieces in the spring-summer collection include long skirts and pants and tunics that can be put together like the baju kurung of South East Asia; a long black dress with a high neckline and long sleeves inspired by the Saudi abaya, as well as foundation pieces, like inner hijabs to wear under a hijab or while playing sports, to keep hair in place.

The collection does not include burkas, which cover women from head-to-toe, or niqabs, which cover the face.

"We started in South East Asia, with the local markets there," said Tajima. "From then it's really grown. Each season we brought it to new countries and the response has been really fantastic, not just from the Muslim market."

She said the clothing crosses religious and ethnic lines because it is comfortable, loose-fitting and stylish.

"Really it's about creating pieces that are versatile and allow people to interpret the idea of modesty for themselves," said Tajima, who grew up in a small English village and became a Muslim at the age of 18.

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Designer Hana Tajima, top, displays pieces in her collection of modest-wear.

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Comic icon leaves legacy

Mary Tyler Moore, one of the first sitcom career-woman heroines, has died

Mary Tyler Moore had an unerring gift for comedy; perfectly fashioned to the smarter wit of the post-Eisenhower age. The actress died Wednesday at the age of 80. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Mary Tyler Moore, the star of TV's beloved The Mary Tyler Moore Show whose comic realism helped revolutionize the depiction of women on the small screen, has died.

Moore died Wednesday with her husband and friends nearby, her publicist, Mara Buxbaum, said. She was 80.

Moore gained fame in the 1960s as the frazzled wife Laura Petrie on The Dick Van Dyke Show. In the 1970s, she created one of TV's first career-woman sitcom heroines in The Mary Tyler Moore Show.

She won seven Emmy awards over the years and was nominated for an Oscar for her 1980 portrayal of an affluent mother whose son is accidentally killed in Ordinary People.

She had battled diabetes for many years. In 2011, she underwent surgery to remove a benign tumour on the lining of her brain.

Moore's first major TV role was on the classic sitcom The Dick Van Dyke Show, in which she played the young homemaker wife of Van Dyke's character, comedy writer Rob Petrie, from 1961-66.

With her unerring gift for comedy, Moore seemed perfectly fashioned to the smarter wit of the new, post-Eisenhower age. As Laura, she traded in the housedress of countless sitcom wives and clad her dancer's legs in Capri pants that were as fashionable as they were suited to a modern American woman.

Laura was a dream wife and mother, but not perfect. Viewers identified with her flustered moments and her protracted, plaintive cry to her husband: "Ohhhh, Robbbb!"

> **She'll last forever, as long as there's television.**
>
> Carl Reiner, who created the The Dick Van Dyke Show

Moore's chemistry with Van Dyke was unmistakable. Decades later, he spoke warmly of the chaste but palpable offscreen crush they shared during the show's run.

But it was as Mary Richards, the plucky Minneapolis TV news producer on The Mary Tyler Moore Show (1970-77), that Moore truly made her mark.

At a time when women's liberation was catching on worldwide, her character brought to TV audiences an independent, 1970s career woman.

Mary Richards was comfortable being single in her 30s, and while she dated, she wasn't desperate to get married. She sparred affectionately with her gruff boss, Lou Grant, played by Ed Asner and addressed always as "Mr. Grant." And millions agreed with the show's theme song that she could "turn the world on with her smile."

The show was filled with laughs. But no episode was more memorable than the bittersweet finale when new management fired the entire WJM News staff — everyone but the preening, clueless anchorman, Ted Baxter. Thus did the series dare to question whether Mary Richards actually did "make it after all."

The series ran seven seasons and won 29 Emmys, a record that stood for a quarter century until Frasier broke it in 2002.

Mary Richards "certainly was never a character that I had to develop when we were doing the show," Moore said in a 1995 interview with The Associated Press. "Everything I did was by the seat of the pants. I reacted to every written situation the way I would have in real life."

Moore won her seventh Emmy in 1993, for supporting actress in a miniseries or special, for a Lifetime network movie, Stolen Babies. She had won two for The Dick Van Dyke Show and the other four for Mary Tyler Moore.

In 2012, Moore received the Screen Actors Guild's lifetime achievement award.

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THE GIRL BEFORE

The newest 'girl' novel coming

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

When JP Delaney's agent showed two top New York editors the first 50 pages of his new psychological thriller, The Girl Before, little did he know the fervour it would cause in the publishing world.

Within a week, the manuscript sold in more than 25 countries (now 35 and counting) at the Frankfurt Book Fair.

"At that stage, the foreign publishers didn't even know what happened on page 51," says Delaney, a not-so-secret pseudonym for Tony Strong, a London advertising copywriter and author of four previous novels.

Within a month, there was an auction for film rights involving four Hollywood studios, all hungry for the next blockbuster Gone Girl or The Girl on the Train.

In the end, it was Universal Pictures that snagged the dark, twisted tale, with Ron Howard signed on to direct.

"Ron Howard expressed a desire to be attached to it. He told me he'd been looking for an unconventional psychological thriller for some time," says Delaney. "He's brilliant with intimate stories about characters who play cat-and-mouse with each other."

Following in the footsteps of those other famous 'Girls,' Delaney's novel features two unreliable narrators whose stories twist and morph over time.

There's Jane, an emotionally wounded woman who lost her baby while in utero. Jane believes she'll find a fresh start and peace of mind moving into One Folgate Street, a sleek, minimalist home designed by a world-renowned architect, Edward Monkford, whose cool, controlling demeanour recalls shades of E.L. James's Christian Grey.

Jane's story alternates with that of Emma's, a previous tenant who moved into Folgate while recovering from a violent attack. When Jane learns that Emma died under suspicious circumstances in the house, she becomes obsessed with the women's life and possible murder.

Delaney — who has always loved books with a house at their core, like Daphne du Maurier's Rebecca — was inspired by a magazine article about a minimalist London home.

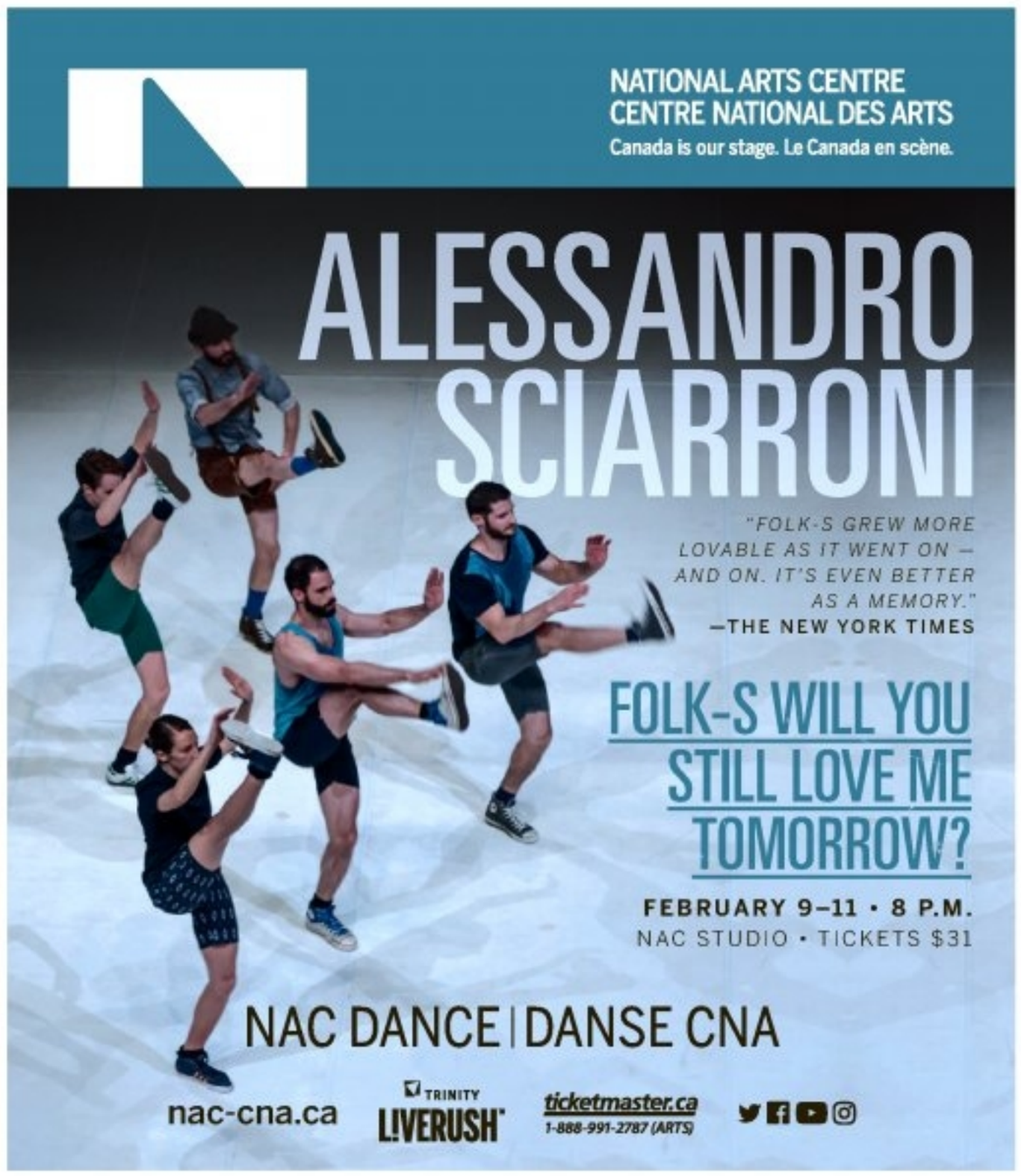
"I was immediately struck by just how obsessive and perfectionist an architect would have to be to pursue that kind of aesthetic, where even the tiniest detail could ruin the whole effect," he says.

Intrigued, Delaney began visiting similar residences, although he didn't realize at the time it was the beginnings of a novel.

In The Girl Before, the women fill out rigorous rental applications that include a series of bizarre psychological and ethical questions.

Not only do tenants swear they will keep the home impeccably clean and decluttered in a way that would make Marie Kondo proud, they must also submit to having their behaviour and health monitored by the house's various technological systems.

Folgate slowly transforms from a hub of Zen tranquillity into a malicious presence in the women's lives.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Project overview

Mattamy Homes has released a new series that will offer affordable, family-friendly living in Kanata. Some homes will be available early this spring. Abbotsville Crossing has a wide range of home styles, including two-storey towns and detached homes.

Housing amenities

Buyers can choose their architectural preferences from a range of designs. The homes come with three stainless appliances and include many pre-planned options such as nine-foot ceilings and hardwood flooring. Other amenities include finished rec rooms and single or double car garages.

Location and transit

Right on Terry Fox Drive, the site is connected to main roads. It's also close to Hwy 417 and main transit stops. The proximity to the highway makes getting downtown quick and painless. The nearby high-tech sector and range of shopping and entertainment options make Abbotsville Crossing an excellent location.

In the neighbourhood

The Abbottsville Crossing neighbourhood offers several parks and pathways such as the Trans Canada Trail. There are multiple nearby schools and recreational facilities as well. The Kanata Centrum and Tanger Outlets are both minutes away, creating numerous dining, entertainment and shopping options. ILANA REIMER/FOR METRO

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Usain Bolt has lost one of his nine Olympic gold medals in a doping case involving Jamaican relay teammate Nesta Carter

Again, Milos' dream just out of reach

Milos Raonic's run at the Australian Open ended on Wednesday. PAUL CROCK/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Ruthless Nadal spoils Canuck star's big shot for a major win

Canadian tennis star Milos Raonic limped out of the Australian Open on Wednesday after a nagging thigh injury flared up during a quarter-final loss to Spanish star Rafael Nadal.

Raonic, the third seed from Thornhill, Ont., was trying to repeat his best showing at the Grand Slam tournament by reaching the semifinals for a second straight year. He lost to Andy Murray in the 2016 semis.

Many wondered if this was Raonic's year after top-ranked Murray and No. 2 Novak Djokovic were upset in earlier rounds.

It was been a struggle from the beginning, however, as Raonic came down with a cold early in the tournament and was bed-ridden for a day. His timing seemed slightly off against Roberto Bautista Agut in the round of 16, when he racked up 55 unforced errors and even uncharacteristically hurled his racket to the court midway through the third set.

He appeared to be feeling better by Wednesday until he had a recurrence of an adductor injury in the 6-4, 7-6 (7), 6-4 loss to Nadal.

"These last two and a half weeks have been quite difficult, just trying to manage everything," he said. "First, dealing with the physical aspect, then getting myself quite ready, I thought, making the most of that. Then dealing with the health aspect and now with this."

> **"I just wasn't able to push back behind the baseline.**
> Raonic on Nadal

A joyous Rafa Nadal celebrates victory GETTY IMAGES

Raonic, 26, said he came into Melbourne nursing his thigh muscle after injuring it earlier this month in Brisbane.

"I got it to pretty good shape," he said. "We still had to monitor it and then today I hurt another aspect of it."

He required treatment on the leg in the second set Wednesday.

"I hope it's nothing too serious," added Raonic, who has struggled with adductor problems in the past.

He defeated Nadal in their last meeting, which came at the same tournament in Brisbane where Raonic said he tweaked his adductor. This time, Raonic said, "he played better than I did."

The 30-year-old Nadal saved six set points in the second set, including two in the 13-minute tiebreaker.

"There were some opportunities in the second set, other than that, there wasn't much for me to hold onto," Raonic said.

"I just wasn't able to push him back behind the baseline like I was a few weeks ago."

Nadal will play Grigor Dimitrov on Friday, the day after 35-year-old Roger Federer takes on 31-year-old Stan Wawrinka in an all-Swiss semifinal.

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NHL

Senators recruit Anselmi to front office

Tom Anselmi couldn't resist the chance to put his mark on another Canadian NHL franchise.

The Ottawa Senators made a significant change to their front office Wednesday, hiring Anselmi as chief executive officer and president. He replaces Cyril Leeder, who had held the position of president since 2009.

Anselmi most recently worked for Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment where he held a number of titles during his 17-year tenure with the organization including chief operating officer, executive vice-president and president. The 60-year-old resigned from MLSE in 2013.

Anselmi's bio says he is well known for his arena and real estate projects and is credited with helping deliver Toronto's Air Canada Centre on time and on budget. Anselmi was first approached with an offer from Ottawa in mid-December. An avid hockey fan, he felt the opportunity to create something from the ground up with a new organization was appealing.

"The opportunity was too interesting to pass up," he said.

Tom Anselmi THE CANADIAN PRESS

Eugene Melnyk said the decision to go in a new direction was made last April following the Senators' winning the bid for the downtown LeBreton Flats development project, which will include a new arena.

"The fact is it is a massive, massive project that will rebuild all of downtown Ottawa and we take it very seriously and for that you need someone with experience and I think Tom brings that," said Melnyk.

Overseeing the LeBreton Flats project will be a huge component of Anselmi's responsibilities, but the Toronto native will also be taking a close look at the organization's current structure as the team struggles to put fans in seats. While the Senators have been competitive on the ice lately, attendance at the Senators' current home, the Canadian Tire Centre, ranks in the bottom third in the league.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Allocation of players announced by CSA

The Canadian Soccer Association has announced that 10 national team players will be allocated this season to the National Women's Soccer League.

Canada captain Christine Sinclair will return to the Portland Thorns.

She is among eight players returning to NWSL who were on the CSA's allocation list released Wednesday.

The Canadian and U.S. Soccer federations allocate their players across the league's 10 teams and pay their salaries.

Joining Sinclair on the list are Janine Beckie (Houston Dash), Allysha Chapman (Boston Breakers), Sabrina D'Angelo (North Carolina Courage), Stephanie Labbe (Washington Spirit), Diana Matheson, (Seattle Reign), Desiree Scott (FC Kansas City) and Shelina Zadorsky (Washington Spirit). Recently drafted players Kailen Sheridan (Sky Blue) and Nichelle Prince (Houston Dash) were also among the allocated players.

The CSA allocated 11 players to the league last season.

Christine Sinclair GETTY IMAGES

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AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS

Salah's stunner puts Egypt into quarters

WEDNESDAY in Gabon

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Egypt made sure its long-awaited return to the Africa Cup of Nations will last at least one more match as it clinched the last quarter-final place with a thunderous free-kick by Mohamed Salah and a 1-0 win over Ghana on Wednesday.

Salah's 11th-minute goal saw Egypt take top spot in Group D from the Ghanaians on the final day of group games in Gabon, eliminating Mali, which drew 1-1 with Uganda.

Egypt, the record seven-time champion, needed to win to make sure it progressed at its first African Cup in seven years. Ghana had already qualified.

Salah's strike was one of the goals of the tournament as he stepped up and smashed the free kick into the top left corner with Ghana goalkeeper Razak Brimah helpless.

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IN BRIEF

Malkin to miss All-Star game

Pittsburgh Penguins centre Evgeni Malkin is dealing with a lower-body injury that will keep the Russian star out of Sunday's All-Star game.

Coach Mike Sullivan announced the injury on Wednesday, a day after Malkin played 18:27 in a 3-0 home loss to St. Louis.

Malkin appeared to be hurt after taking a hit from St. Louis' Joel Edmundson. Malkin has 22 goals this season for the defending Stanley Cup champions and his 54 points are tied with Sidney Crosby for the team lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Liverpool fail to reach final

Liverpool's season is in danger of unraveling after Jurgen Klopp's team missed out on a place in the English League Cup final following a 1-0 loss to Southampton at Anfield on Wednesday.

Substitute Shane Long scored in injury time to seal a 2-0 aggregate win in the semifinals for Southampton, which reached the final of English football's second-tier cup competition for a second time. Manchester United — leading Hull 2-0 in the other semifinal — is their likely final opponent.

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Crunchy Asian Chicken Salad

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

We're addicted to the sweet, salty, hearty, crunchy combination of this dinner salad.

Ready in 30 minutes
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 chicken breasts
- 1/4 - 1/2 head of purple cabbage, thinly sliced
- 1/4 - 1/2 head of green cabbage, thinly sliced
- 2 carrots, shredded
- 1 red pepper, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cucumber, peeled and sliced
- 2 spring onions, sliced handful cilantro, chopped
- 1/3 cup peanuts, chopped (optional)

Dressing
- 1 Tbsp sesame oil
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1/2 tsp sriracha
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tsp fish sauce
- 1 tsp sugar

Directions

1. Fill a skillet with water and season with salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer. Place chicken breasts in the water and cook 10 to 12 minutes, depending on how thick the breasts are. Remove meat from skillet and place on a clean plate. Use two forks to shred the chicken.

2. In a small bowl, whisk together the dressing ingredients

3. In a large serving bowl, toss together the vegetables and chicken. Drizzle dressing over the salad and toss again. Serve the salad in bowls and garnish with cilantro and chopped peanuts.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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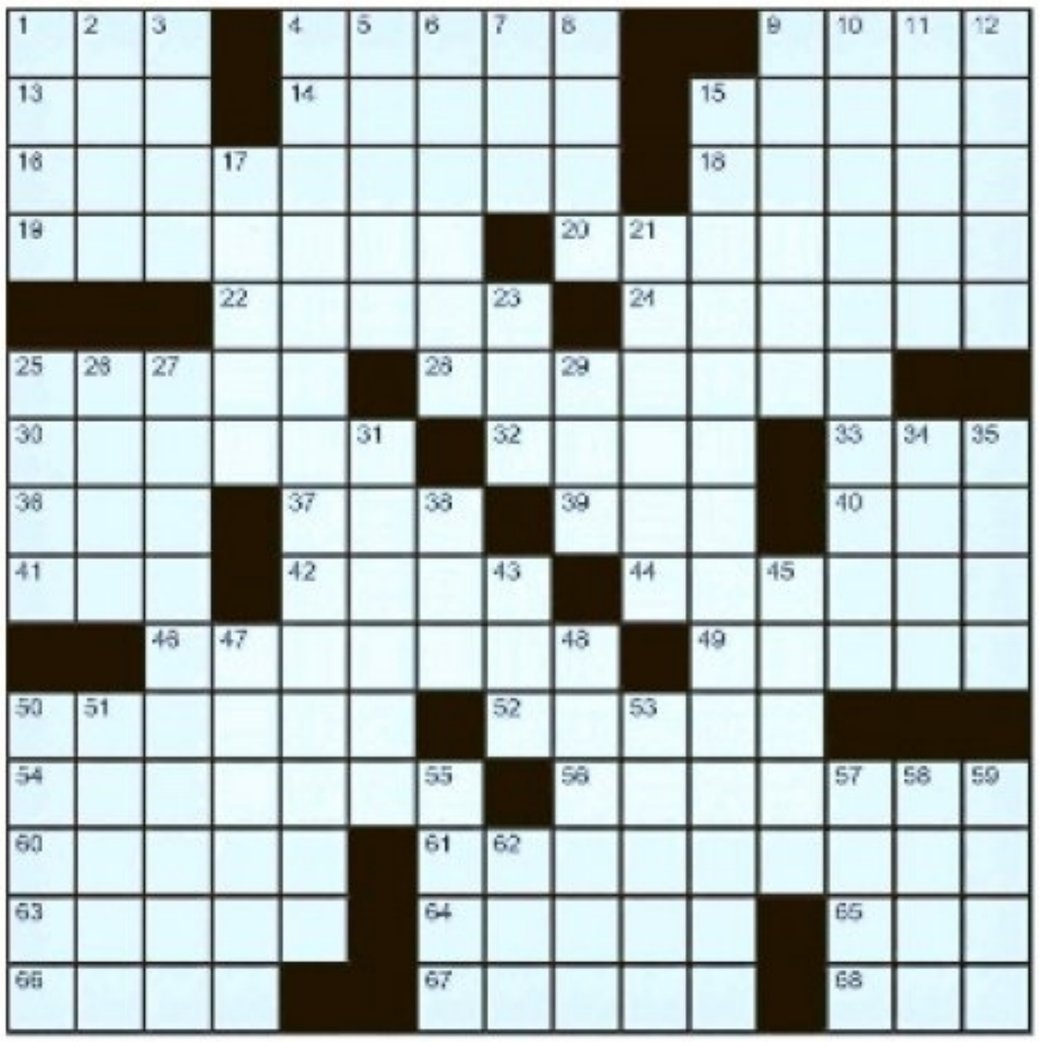

ACROSS
1. Groceries holder
4. Long for
9. Lump of soil
13. "Strangers __ Train" (1951)
14. Golden hit song from the past
15. French nursery rhyme: "__ Jacques"
16. One of Saint Basil's Cathedral's vivid architectural features in Moscow: 2 wds.
18. The Cloister and the Hearth novelist Charles
19. Department's boss
20. As a non-looking-forward-to event
22. Lead/tin alloy
24. They make things less difficult
25. 1st Greek letter
28. One taking it a bit too easy on the job
30. Platinum Blonde hit: "__ Really Matter"
32. Litigates
33. Mil. rank
36. Matterhorn, for one
37. Sort of spell
39. Rx watchdog in The States
40. When repeated, a villain's laugh
41. Travel directions provider
42. Luxury label
44. Full
46. South American country
49. Colleague of Happy and Doc
50. Powerful
52. __ of vantage (Favourable position)
54. Retro hairstyling products
56. Dreamy
60. Ms. Ekberg
61. Purr-chasers of Purina products: 2 wds.
63. Wheezing noises
64. "La Dolce Vita" (1960) actress, __ Aimee ...co-star of #60-Across
65. Up to, in verse
66. Building extensions
67. After-dinner candies
68. Quebec seasoning

DOWN
1. Movie set's overhead holder of a microphone
2. Ms. Faris
3. Laundry detergent brand
4. Toronto's hip 'Square' location: 3 wds.
5. Respected person in the community
6. Decorates
7. Flange
8. Call for
9. Iron-ee
10. Prime Minister's activity
11. Sequence
12. Feats
15. Cult TV series of 1999 to 2000 on which Seth Rogen starred: 3 wds.
17. Promises
21. Diminish/fall back
23. Chicago trains
25. U2's bassist Mr. Clayton
26. Ms. Falana
27. Cook's often-used grinder: 2 wds.
29. "__ Wiedersehen!"
31. Who-needs-medical-assistance-first process
34. "Runaway Bride" (1999) star Richard
35. 1970 Carpenters hit: "(__ Long to Be) Close to You"
38. Said a li'l Rocky-style 'hello'
43. Bird of myth
45. Clown in the opera Pagliacci
47. English composer, Eric __ (b.1886 - d.1957)
48. Encourage at the stadium: 2 wds.
50. Fifth wheel
51. Of varied pitch
53. Enter the data
55. Fleece
57. Research papers, e.g.
58. Mr. Nastase of tennis
59. Convict's unit
62. Tropical cuckoo bird

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Dealings with bosses, VIPs and parents are unpredictable today. If you are upset by what they say, don't quit your day job. Give things a sober second thought.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Travel plans will be delayed, canceled or subject to detours and changes. Likewise, publishing, the media, medicine and the law are subject to sudden changes.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Double-check bank accounts and important agreements, because something to do with inheritances, shared property, taxes and debt might throw you for a loop. Know what's happening.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
A friend or partner will throw you a curveball today. He or she might want more independence in the relationship. This person also might make a weird accusation!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your job's routine will be interrupted today. Staff shortages, equipment breakdowns, computer problems, delivery delays or other unexpected situations will force you to deal with surprises. Be cool.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is an accident-prone day for your kids, so be vigilant. Know where they are at all times. Be careful to remove potentially hazardous equipment or items around them.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Something unpredictable will affect your home or family today. It may be an argument, or a minor breakage could occur. Someone might have surprising news.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Be careful today and take your time so that you are mindful and aware, because this is an accident-prone day for you. Think before you speak, and think before you act.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Keep an eye on your finances today, because something unexpected will affect them. You might find money, or you might lose money. Something you own might be lost, stolen or damaged.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Today you feel impulsive and rebellious. Even though you usually are cautious and careful, today you might shock someone with a sudden decision or action.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You feel restless today. You feel as if you're waiting for the other shoe to drop. You might be agitated because of changes taking place in other people's lives around you.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
A friend might surprise you today. Something unexpected will take place with someone you know, perhaps in a group setting.

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